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## GENERAL NOTE.

The following is a brief summary of the more important varieties in the figures for 1914-15 as compared with those of 1913-14.

*PART I—Agricultural Statistics.*

The total area of the State is approximately 19 million acres and is 10,082 acres greater as compared with the previous year. Of this a little more than 2·2 million acres are occupied by forests and more than 6·6 million acres are not available for cultivation. The area under forests has increased by 153,878 acres. About nine lakhs of acres are culturable waste lands available for cultivation. The total extent under occupation is 7,625,428 acres, of which 6,244,302 acres were cultivated during the year.

*PART IV—Rainfall.*

The average rainfall in the State was 46·90 inches as against 32·13 inches in the preceding year, there being an increase of nearly 14·8 inches. The increase occurred in all the districts.

*PART I.*

The net area cropped during the year rose from 6,056,463 acres to 6,244,302 acres, there being an increase of 187,839 acres. The increase occurred in all the districts except Mysore. There was a decrease in the extent of irrigated lands in all the districts, except Shimoga, where there was a slight increase. There was a large shrinkage in the area under paddy in all the districts but noticeably in the Kolar and Tumkur Districts. But the areas under ragi and horse gram increased. The areas under sugar-cane and cholum diminished.

TABLE C.

The incidence of land revenue (excluding cesses) per head of the population increased by 3 pies and per acre on fully assessed area by one pie.

TABLE D.

The number of holdings under raiyatwari tenure rose from 1,088,343 to 1,098,343, there being an increase of 67,987 acres in the gross area held on such tenures. The average area of each holding was 6·66 acres and the average assessment 8·8 rupees as against 6·63 acres and 8·91 rupees in the year 1913-14. The number of estates held wholly or partially revenue free was 97,459 as against 98,054. The average area and assessment of these estates were 18·5 acres and 5·6 rupees as against 18·38 acres and 5·51 rupees respectively in the previous year.

TABLE E.

The number of transfers of lands by order of Court during the year was 177 involving an area of 1,707 acres as against 482, involving an area of 3,363 acres. The number of transfers by private contract or gift was 15,761 as against 16,984, the extent involved being 86,133 and 94,108 acres respectively.

*PART II—Estimated Outturn of Crops.*

The average outturn of paddy in the State was 8·8 annas as against 8·7 in the previous year. The outturn in the Kolar District was very poor. The average outturn of ragi rose from 6·9 annas to 8·3. The yield of horse gram was slightly better than in the previous year. The outturn of cholum was poor in all the districts except Hassan, Shimoga and Kadur. The average yield of sugar-cane remained unchanged.

## *PART III—Prices.*

There was a slight fall in the average price of rice in almost all the districts. The price of ragi was somewhat higher in the Hassan, Shimoga and Kadur Districts, while in the other districts there was a fall. The price of Bengal gram was higher in all the districts than in the previous year.

BANGALORE,
*Dated 10th October 1916.*

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